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AMERICAN PARTY TICKET

Mayor, JOHN S. BRANSFORD. City Recorder JOHN B. MORETON. City Auditor RUDOLPH ALFF. City Treasurer GIDEON SNYDER. City Attorney, HARPER J. DININNY.

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B. A. RIDD, Short Term. Fourth Ward. FRANK HARRIS, Long Term. J. J. STEWART, Short Term. Fifth Ward,

ARTHUR J. DAVIS, Long Term. MARK REEDALL, Short Term.

is usually represented by a lyre.

Wu Ting fang is not a Missourian,

but he constantly desires to be shown. Next Tuesday you can see if the registration agent has your name on his

books.

Of course, the Mormon church is not in politics, because its proxy is sufficiently active.

Giving good advice to a friend in trouble does not completely discharge

your duty toward him

You have probably noticed that while we have no State capitol building at all, we have a very expensive temple.

Having the sign of the bechive, the "Republican" headquarters now needs but the hierarchical "Holiness to the Lord" to make complete identifica-

John Alexander Dowie had many faults; but he does not seem to have an attempt to cast out devils by physical force.

Perhaps people could be convinced very great. that the American party is a detriment to Salt Lake, if only it could be demonstrated that because of it the town is a "dead one."

treatment-the Honorable Billy having nomination, for Mr. Bowen, or anybody something to say about whom he will accept as a "'patient."

"Fifteen and a half ounces to the pound of butter is not a square deal," But, friend, it is just what the public mostly gets-an oblong brick.

Now comes a savant who declares that the songs of Solomon were not written by Solomon. People would probably be inclined to say that Auanias had found a rival if they were quite sure there ever was such an individual.

However, the junior Senator is entirely mistaken. The Tribune loves him with an affection passing that of a fond father for his son, when he says: "You know, George, this hurts me much worse than it does you."

An exchange remarks that plenty of love for the woman and plenty of properly prepared food for the man would

MORE OF AMERICAN PROGRESS.

We trust that no reader of The Tribune neglected to scan carefully the table, presented in vesterday morning's issue, of the public improvements effected in this city by the American party as contrasted year by year with the improvements of the previous twelve

The table showing the value of these improvements is as follows:

1594	ar.	Amount
1895		85,991.19
1896	****	51,255.38
1897	************************	19,327,87
898	****************	11,227,76
899		5,499.30
900		146,434,23
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		342,993.99
903	******************	125,385.38
904		241.875.99
905		441,651.46
Fran	d total for twelve years	\$1.761.937.44
906		865,477.92
907.	estimated	1.200,000,00

\$2,065,471.92 1,761,937.44 Exceeds previous twelve

From this it appears that the improvements completed and undertaken by the American party in the two years of its administration in this city exceed by upward of \$300,000 all the improvements of the previous twelve years. It is an astonishing, and amazing record. And it is one that the people of Salt Lake City must view with just pride. The city is now coming into its own by its own methods, administered by its progressive citizens.

It is idle to talk about a progressive city in the hands of the mossback element, and with a conservatism in control which crushes out all vigor, all life, and all real desire for the city's growth and improvement.

This tremendous showing, in favor of the American administration, of public improvements made in this city, is well supplemented by the improvements under way being made by the street railway company, which will amount to at least the sum of \$4,000,000 when all are done, including the relaying of the railway tracks, the fortifying of the power resources, the building of shops, providing offices, and general modernizing of the whole plant. It is impossible to conceive of the street railway company having undertaken any such work as this with the old, lethargic, dry-rot administrative agencies in control, whether those agencies were called "Democratic" or "Republican." The name amounts to nothing; the facts would be the same in each case. That is, the church would be in complete control and would stay the hand of progress in every direction save only that which worked to the benefit and profit of the priestly rulers, personally, and to the satisfaction of their avarice and greed.

When we add to that tremendous showing of public improvements the fact that the value of building permits in this city has for the three quarters of the present year amounted to upwards of \$500,000 more in value than the building permits of the two years tion, there will be no hesitation in findof the Morris administration, we see an ing the appropriate indictments. dditional proof of the benefit of American control here, all tending in the same direction and every development made being a loud voice in approval of American progress.

The bank clearances, also, jumped 50 per cent the first year of the American administration, and were in that first year almost double the bank clearances during the first year of Morris. The tration will show bank clearances of well over \$300,000,000, which will be of the Morris administration, and an increase of over 50 per cent over Morris's second year. The returns on these three leading factors of the city's progress are overwhelmingly in favor of the American party, and unassailable arguments for the continuance of American control. The people of this city are not so dull but that they can see these plain benefits of American rule, nor are they so indifferent as not to wish their con-

And these reasons with others of like import to be shown from time to time gone so far as some of his followers in give accumulative and overwhelming reasons why the American party is sure to be successful in this municipal campaign, and why its victory should be

JUST HOW IT WAS DONE.

"At what conference of the church," asks the Deseret News, "or at 'what It is not yet said that Mr. Roosevelt other ecclesiastical meeting, did the has been invited to take the Muldoon church place a political candidate in

else, to oppose?" We don't mind telling the church organ. Or, rather, perhaps it would be better satisfied if the information came from its own prophet, seer, and reveobserves the Deseret News paragrapher. lator, and president and trustee-in-trust. Here is about the way of it in one

> Senator Hoar.—Let me ask one question right here. When was that official consent, if ever, given to Mr. Smoot to come here as Senator of the United States? How; in what form?
>
> Senator Beveridge.—Did he have to get your consent? your consent?
>
> Joseph F. Smith—He did He applied to his associates for their consent for him to become a candidate before the Legislature for Senator of the United

Chairman.-Whom do you mean The Chairman —Whom do you mean by his associates? Joseph F. Smith.—His associates, the

apostles.
The Chairman.—The Twelve?
Joseph F. Smith.—The twelve apostles; yes, sir.
Mr. Tayler —And the first presidency?
Joseph F. Smith.—And the first presidency; and he obtained their UNANIMOUS consent to become a candidate if

Of course, it is quite possible for a to give it its early attention, and assure political ward heeler. It practically

individuals than one. So here is one instance in which the church, at an ecclesiastical meeting, put in nomination enndidate.

And there are many other instances, of which the Deseret News knows, and which, if the church organ so desires, may be recited.

But, if the church had no candidate at the election referred to, why did the church discipline Mr. Brown and deprive him of his church privileges for supporting Mr. Critchlow?

WORK FOR THE GRAND JURY.

The grand jury called by the District Court for this judicial district is now fully empaneled It will be led very largely in its proceedings and investi gations by the District Attorney. This is fortunate, because it insures, first of of some legal knowledge and judicial sense, which would not be the case were County Attorney Hanson in charge of

At the same time, it is to be noted that a grand jury is an entirely indeafter its own fashion and will, without reference to the District Attorney or even the Court itself. Once fully organized it can proceed on its own motion and in its own way to the investigation of any matters that it may consider need its inquiry.

And certainly there is abundant material here for that investigation. We believe that the outrageous treatment of the poor at the county infirmary, under the management of former Superintendent Jones, is still a legitimate subject of inquiry by the grand jury. The treatment of the inmates of that county institution by Jones was of such a brutal, robbing, heartless, and inexcusable character that clearly something ought to be done about it more than the mere failure of Jones to recover in a libel suit, which disclosed all of the abominable facts connected with his admin-

Primarily, of course, as to matters of recent occurrence it is presumed that the grand jury will investigate the operations of the retail grocers' and butchers' combine, which is supposed to have unlawfully and unwarrantably raised the prices of the commodities which enter into the daily needs of the people. and there appears to be no excuse for the large prices charged by those who are in this combination, other than the arbitrary scale agreed upon among at all as this opposition press reprethemselves. It is certainly true that those who are able to go to the farmers' wagons in the morning before the loads are sold out are able to get produce at prices that are a mere fraction of what is charged by the grocers and retail dealers later in the day, who have bought these loads perhaps by wholesale. It is to be hoped that the investigation by the grand jury of all your hands off, and the city will get matter will be thorough, that the report will be comprehensive and satisfactory to the public, and that if any are found guilty of law-breaking in this connec

There is another matter, also, that we commend earnestly to the attention of the grand jury. Something like twelve years ago there was a forgery committed

as citizens, and not as church members. Their political gatherings were politi-cal, as the gatherings of any other party, and not ecclesiastical. upon the assessment rolls of this county after these rolls had been written up sume that the Mormon people are a by the assessor and passed upon by the two-faced lot. The Tribune has always Board of Equalization. Those forgeries given to the members of the dominant reduced the valuation of the Z. C. M. I. ecclesiastical organization here the here exactly \$100,000. They reduced the credit for being faithful and genpresent year of the American adminis. Descret News \$20,000. They reduced erally sincere, no matter how mistaken. other institutions in the Mormon class But the church organ seems to dispute almost as much as during both years and others that were favored in like Apostle Smoot is only a sample of the manner by the forgeries referred to. Doctor Jekylls and Mr. Hydes of Morhave enjoyed the benefit of those for mondom. geries now for these twelve years. The | The simile may not be either effecamount of taxation from which these tive or agreeable, but let us make a concerns were relieved by that forgery supposition: A convict is known by was very great. The evidence of the his stripes. His offense may have been crime is plain, unmistakable. It is quite anything ranging from grand larceny probable that those who committed to homicide, Let us say that he has those forgeries could be found, and when opportunity to do so, and then let found it is altogether likely that the us think that he changes his clothpersons who employed them to commit | ing. In respectable garb he appears that crime can also be uncovered. And in the presence of the public senti-The Tribune has guaranteed, and now ment which sent him to State's prison guarantees, full proof of the crime.

the attention of the grand jury with are concerned, has the convict disapthe comment that important as the al- peared? Has the crime which he comleved combination of the Grocers' and mitted been blotted out from history Butchers' Association is in oppressing and been replaced by some loveable this community, the forgeries herein re- virtue? Has the personal act of the ferred to were of quite as much impor- man been made a thing recognizable tance and were of undoubted criminal only in the garb in which he chooses to intent, which is not at all certain in the appear? Scarcely. case of the grocers and butchers.

The Tribune has referred to these that may need its attention, this mat-

and that whoever is guilty be brought maintains that a Mormon is a Mor-No one should be allowed to shirk or to scurrilously defames the Mormon by dodge in this matter. There is no re- calling him a hypocrite whose religious ply, no answer, no palliation, for such identity is entirely obliterated immea crime as this. We ask the grand jury diately that he elects to become a

IT FAILS TO RESPOND

We are somewhat disappointed that our morning contemporary, the Herald, which pretends (whenever there is not a political side to it) to be in favor of the improvement of this city, does not respond to our invitation to print a comparative statement of building permits issued in this city during the Morris administration and during the American administration now in power.

The Herald joined with us freely in printing the statement of building permits for the year 1906, and for the three-quarter year 1907. But we submit that this, without the comparison suggested, is rather incomplete as information. The chief value of those figures, aside from the fact that they show an immense and ever brightening prosperity under American rule, is in the fact that they show such a all, that the jury will have the benefit tremendous advance over previous

Now, if the Herald is, as it claims to be, a friend of the improvement and progress of Salt Lake City, let it come forward and print also the building record of 1904 and 1905, when pendent body and may conduct matters | Morris was in power. To be sure, that may not be very much of a political argument for Morris, but in a matter of this kind the controlling sentiment in favor of the progress of Salt Lake City should outweigh any mere political reluctance to give the facts. Let the Herald come forward and print the facts as to the progress of Salt Lake City's building these last four years.

And let it quit chewing the rag of disappointment and harping on the smaller things of life and on the immaterial, minute matters which amount to nothing, even if true, and are not worth mention at all, inasmuch as they are irrelevant, incomplete, and inconclusive. Let the Herald get out of the way of treating the small and unimportant things, and dwell more on those nobler things that are to the advantage of the city, and less on those meaner things that it may consider less advantageous, but which it uses so freely, so maliciously, and so falsely to assail the good name and credit of

A reformation in the Herald office in this matter is due, and it is not due alone in the Herald office, but in the office of all the opposition press of this city. Salt Lake City would be in a bad way, indeed, if the opposition These prices are unwarrantably high, of this city. Salt Lake City would be in a bad way, indeed, if the opposition press were allowed to tell the story. But the truth is that matters are not sents them to be where that press assails the good name, the credit, the good faith, and the good work that is done and is in progress.

What the city needs is reform in the tactics of its assailants. Get down to facts, gentlemen, and deal with the city honestly, fairly, and intelligently. But if you cannot do this, at least keep charges made in connection with this along very well without you. But if you don't do that, the city, under the American party control, will get on very well in spite of you.

POLITICAL THIMBLERIGGING.

Even in the days of the People's party, be "Mormons" and their friends rallied

The Descret News appears to asvery largely. The institutions named that proposition, and to say that

Now, so far as public sentiment and We commend this case earnestly to the law which is its direct result

But the pretended argument of the Deseret News is consistent with its forgeries from time to time, and has views upon this subject. It contends expressed its willingness to furnish con- that Reed Smoot is an apostle of the clusive proof or to pay a penalty in case | Mormon church only at such times as it did not fully make the case. Now is he may desire to appear in the the time for a full and complete inves- apostolic robes; that he is a Senator tigation of this matter. And inasmuch of the United States upon such occaas the grand jury has been impaneled sion only as he may assume disguise and charged by the Court with a full under the toga. The News also says and free investigation of all matters that Joseph F. Smith is a weak mortal exclusively when he desires to ter of the forgery committed on the as- appear before the world as such; that sessment roll cannot well be overlooked. he is the mighty personal representa-The Tribune asks in behalf of an in- tive of the Great Jehovah at his jured public which has been swindled own whim; that he is a moral exemplar out of tens of thousands of dollars in to all the world if he says so, and that taxation by reason of those forgeries, he is an offender against the law only that a full, thorough and searching in when he pleads guilty to offenses vestigation be made into this matter, against the statute. The church organ into the limelight of public odium and mon only when he so declares; that made to answer for his crime, either of | the Mormon ceases to exist the moment actual commission or of procurement. the politician takes his place. It

while he takes the life of a fellow creature with the left, and that neither act can be connected with the other in the identical person.

Suppose that we make the matter still a little more plain by calling attention to the idea as it is represented in the recognized most prominent man in the Mormon church. President Joseph F. Smith has confessed that he is the husband of five wives and the father of forty-three children. On that account he is commonly called a polygamist. Now, if he were to come out and say that, for the time being he was not a polygamist, but a monogamist, would be be considered as having lost his numerous families?

It is a well known fact that the Descret News is fond of boasting that the faithful Mormon is, of all men, the most persistently adhesive to his religion. It will tell you that the Latter-day Saint is the hardest individual to move away from his faith vidual to move away from his faith, when once he has been convinced and declares that he has "received a testimony" concerning the truth of his religion. But, for its own political purpose, the Deseret News now asserts that this ingrained feature of the Mormon can be cast off in a twink-ling; that he is the puritanic religion to the place or unit at accordance of the blace or unit at accordance. ist at noosday and the blase or un-scrupulous politician at one minute past the stroke of twelve.

There is a suspicion that the Descret

News has, upon this particular subject, received its inspiration from both the "Republican" and the "Democratic" parties, because it is quite likely that either of these could easily testify that there are turn-coats in Utah, the color of whose raiment is largely affected by

save many a divorce suit. Love costs man to be "unanimous" with and by nothing; but food—well, you can see where the man, as usual, gets the worst to the action of a gathering of more the man, as usual, gets the worst to the action of a gathering of more the man, as usual, gets the worst to the action of a gathering of more the sacrament with the right hand while he takes the life of a follow while he takes the life of a f of Main and South Temple streets.



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